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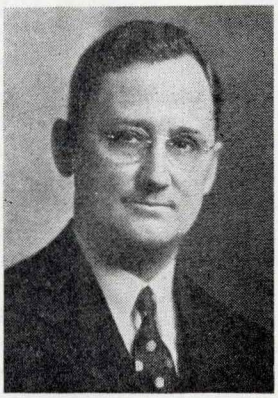
Million Dollar Book Stimulates Canadian Y.M.C.A.



CHARLES BAUCKHAM

Seldom, if ever before, has any publication of the Y.M.C.A. received such unanimous and enthusiastic approval as has "The Years Ahead"—a plan for the Canadian Y.M.C.A. in the next decade.

Charles Bauckman, President of the Sterling Trusts Corporation, and a member of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. study committee responsible for the report, in a recent speech referred to it as "a million dollar book."

The first edition has already been sold out, and a new printing is on the press.

The report was received at the Annual Meeting of the National Council in Niagara Falls in October, and in order to stimulate its use and to get its recommendations at work in the various Y.M.C.A.'s across Canada, the staff of the National Council gave priority in their fall plans to the conduct of a series of one evening conferences of key people, and quickly swung into action with these conferences. The result is that at the time of going to press, conferences had been held in Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Charlottetown, Sydney, Halifax, Yarmouth, Saint John, Quebec City, Toronto West End, Cornwall, Belleville, Toronto Lakeshore, Kingston, Midland, Toronto Danforth, Orillia, Peterborough, Kitchener, North Toronto, London, St. Catharines, Sarnia, Stratford and Guelph, with several others already scheduled.

These local Key People's conferences will be followed by Regional conferences initiated by the National Council, but with local planning committees. The National Council will provide a team of speakers made up of at least one layman, and two national secretaries, and already the host associations have agreed to sponsor and promote conferences for their region. These conferences will be held for British Columbia in Vancouver on February 9 and 10 and for the Maritimes in Moncton at the same dates. For Alberta, Calgary will be host to a conference February 16 and 17, and on the same week-end, Ottawa will be host for the Eastern Ontario and Quebec area. Over the week-end of February 23 and 24, London will be host to the Associations of Western Ontario, while Regina will entertain the associations from the lake head, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Finally, on March 2 and 3, Hamilton will hold a conference for the Central Ontario region. It is expected that in these seven regional conferences, more than 500 key people, both lay and secretarial, will participate in the important programs proposed for these conferences by the National Council.

There is little doubt that "The Years Ahead" will be the topic of discussion in parctically every committee of every Y.M.C.A. across Canda during 1946.

The study represents the most ambitious job of self-analysis yet undertaken in the Canadian Y.M.C.A. Officials of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. of United States were frankly amazed that the Canadian movement had been able successfully to complete such a report.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES OF KEY PEOPLE

to Consider Canadian Y.M.C.A. Study

"THE YEARS AHEAD"

A. MARITIMES
at Moncton — February 9 and 10
for
(Charlottetown, Summerside, Moncton, Fredericton, Woodstock, Saint John, Sydney, Halifax, Yarmouth, Digby.)

B. EASTERN ONTARIO and QUEBEC
at Ottawa — February 16 and 17
for
(Quebec, Sherbrooke, Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Cornwall, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Capreol, Chapleau, White River, Schreiber.)

C. CENTRAL ONTARIO
at Hamilton — March 2 and 3
for
(Belleville, Peterborough, Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Brantford, Galt, Guelph, Orillia, Midland, Owen Sound, Fort Erie.)

D. WESTERN ONTARIO
at London — February 23 and 24
for
(Woodstock, Ingersoll, London, St. Thomas, Stratford, Kitchener, Sarnia, Chatham, Windsor, Thamesford.)

E. MANITOBA and SASKATCHEWAN
at Regina — February 23 and 24
for
(Winnipeg, Brandon, Sioux Lookout, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Regina, Fort William, Ignace.)

F. ALBERTA
at Calgary — February 16 and 17
for
(Calgary, Lethbridge, Edmonton, Field.)

G. WEST COAST
at Vancouver — February 9 and 10
for
(Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster, Prince Rupert.)

Every Y.M.C.A. should be well represented at these conferences.

New Secretary of Toronto Y.M.C.A.

JOHN R. McCURDY

John R. McCurdy, formerly general secretary of the New Haven, Conn., Y.M.C.A., began his new duties as general secretary of the Toronto Metropolitan Y.M.C.A. January 1. Mr. McCurdy succeeds Taylor Statten who has retired.

Well-known to many Canadian secretaries through his activities as chairman of the program committee for the 1945 A.O.S. conference, Mr. McCurdy has held many prominent positions in Y.M.C.A. circles and is at present the Vice-President of the Association of Secretaries of North America.

"I've always liked and enjoyed working with Canadians," said the new secretary on his arrival. "I think close contact between our two countries is a good thing. Located in Toronto, I will have the opportunity of working with leaders in the Canadian movement. I'm happy to have the privilege of working in Canada."

Mr. McCurdy's Y.M.C.A. career began at Washington College where for three years he was student secretary. Then he went to New York City and for ten years was engaged in intercollegiate work. From 1925 to 1938 he was executive director of the Bronx Union branch of the "Y", and then from '38 until his Toronto appointment, genreal secretary at New Haven, Conn.

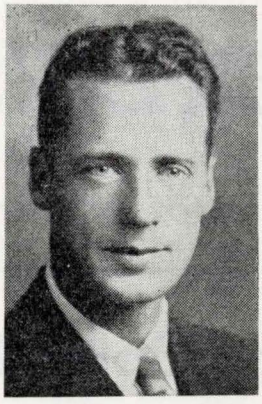
Born in Princeton, Maine, Mr. McCurdy was educated at Clark College, Columbia University and Washington State College. He is married and has one daughter.

ORDER NOW

In order to get "The Years Ahead" ready for the 1945 National Council Meeting and local Fall conferences, our printer performed the super-human feat of producing the book in less than eight weeks. We think that is fast work! Of course, the speed meant inevitable printing errors but the timing of the appearance of the report was almost perfect. It meant that the Canadian National Council, meeting several weeks after the cessation of hostilities, had before it a plan for action in a new situation.

The first edition of "The Years Ahead" was considered, however, as a "workbook" for Fall conferences. The second edition of the book will have all the rough edges smoothed off, will have a hard cover, and will be the permanent and official report of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. Study Committee. Every local Y.M.C.A. should have a copy of the permanent report in its library.

Murray Ross, Secretary Public Affairs Institute



MURRAY ROSS

Dr. Malcolm W. Wallace, chairman of the Canadian Institute of Public Affairs, has announced that Murray G. Ross, Adult Programme Secretary of the National Council, will succeed R. E. G. Davis as secretary of the Institute. The Institute, which is a project of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada, will again be held in August at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, announcement of topics and speakers will be made in subsequent issues of The Bulletin.

Mr. Ross assumes this new responsibility over and above his work as the Adult Programme Secretary of the Council, and is eminently well qualified for this position of leadership.

He has already worked widely in the field of Public Affairs and his experience as the Director of the Canadian Y.MCA. Study in the past two years gives him a broad Canadian perspective for this new responsibility.

Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada and the United States to Meet in Convention

Canadian Y.M.C.A. representatives will attend the 45th International Convention of the Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada and the United States to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, March 15 - 17.

For more than 90 years the Associations of North America have met periodically to consider the needs of youth as well as our obligations to youth. As we enter these critical days, it is important that we come together again as early as possible.

The historic unity of the Canadian and United States movements remains an abiding source of satisfaction and mutual profit to all. Never have we stood in greater need of each other. We need to see through each other's eyes the problems and aspirations of youth not only on this continent but in lands laid waste by war.

Howard A. Coffin, president, and Eugene E. Barnett, general secretary of the National Council of the United States, and H. J. Humphrey, president, and R. S. Hosking, general secretary for Canada, have this to say about the convention:

"Never have we stood in greater need of each other. Never has it been so important that we face together our common tasks in a war-shocked world. We need to share insights and experiences gained in a period of fiery ordeal. We need to see through each other's eyes the problems and aspirations of youth on this continent. We need to confront as fully and as promptly as possible information now available regarding the plight of youth in lands laid waste by war. We must acquaint ourselves with the conditions of Associations in those lands compelled to meet unusual demands upon their services with their usual resources all but wiped out.

"Surely this convention, meeting on the morrow of World War II, and in the second year of the second century of the Y.M.C.A., will command maximum delegations. It is hoped that every Association in North America, however distant or small, will be represented in this Convention by at least one layman and one secretary."

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Y.M.C.A. Supervisors Receive Decorations and Awards

The recent announcement that J. B. Wadland, Y.M.C.A. War Services Supervisor with the R.C.A.F., has been made a member of the Order of the British Empire, brings to six the number of such awards made to Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services Supervisors. The first of these awards came to W. R. MacCoy, who received his M.B.E. while serving in Italy. Some time later, G. O. Mullock received his award for work done with "Bronco," the supply operation for all the Auxiliary Services in North-West Europe. Then late in 1945 came the award to J. A. McNabb, who had served in England and North-West Europe; and to A. A. Buckley, Force Director of Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services in North-West Europe; and in the King's New Year's Honour List came the award to J. T. Barratt, Senior Supervisor in Great Britain.

Other War Services Supervisors who have been recognized include E. C. Burton and G. M. Singleton, Mentioned in Dispatches; W. J. B. Courtney, who received the Certificate of Merit from Field Marshal Montgomery; J. C. Craik and A. R. McIntyre, who received an award from the Royal Humane Society for a gallant rescue from drowning; and H. A. Brown, who was Mentioned in Dispatches for gallantry and distinguished services in North-West Europe.

These decorations and awards demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness with which Canadian Y.M.C.A. War Services Supervisors have served overseas. The Canadian Y.M.C.A. is proud of the work which its supervisors have done both overseas and at home.

A. A. Buckley

World Service Victory

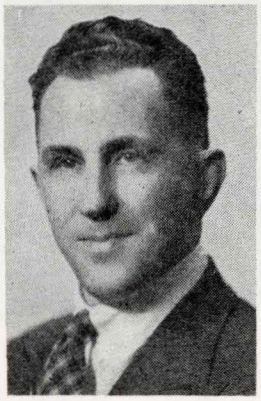
Late figures just received on the Canadian World Service budget for 1945:

For World Service	$ 69,269.90
For International Debt	40,890.86
TOTAL	$110,160.76

This is a marvelous victory and one every Association can be proud of. It involves 100% participation by Associations all the way from $10.00 to $39,072.

The thanks of the Canadian World Service Committee is extended to all Associations and individuals who made the victory possible.

Merl Harding Wins Physical Education Award



Merl Harding

A. Merl Harding, physical director of the National Council Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada, has been given the Roberts - Gulick award, made annually by the Physical Directors' Society of North America to the Society member who has made the most outstanding contribution to physical education.

Harding, who is the first Canadian to receive this award, is a native of Saint John, N.B., and a graduate of the Y.M.C.A. college in Chicago. He served at Y.M.C.A.'s in Revelstoke, B.C., Winnipeg, Regina, Chicago, Ill., and Portland, Maine, before joining the staff of the National Council in 1937.

In making their nomination for the winner of this award, members of the Physical Directors' Society are asked to choose the physical director whose general educational ability, technical training, and significant service has enabled him to render outstanding service both to the Society and to the advancement of physical education.

The award is named after two well-known Y.M.C.A. physical directors, Robert J. Roberts of Boston, Mass., the first Y.M.C.A. physical director, and Luther Halsey Gulick, professor at the Y.M.C.A. college in Springfield, Mass., who designed the Y.M.C.A. triangle symbol.

Notes from Overseas

Contrary to what might be expected, work in the United Kingdom is still very extensive, reports W. J. G. Macdiarmid, Senior Y.M.C.A. War Services officer overseas, in his monthly report.

The crafts program under the direction of supervisor R. J. Wallace is a major operation among men of the Canadian army still in England, adds Mr. Macdiarmid's report. There are now seven Y.M.C.A. craft shops in various units with others in process of development. Greatest single stumbling block has been scarcity of craft materials.

Operation of the Khaki University is going well, reports from overseas indicate. Y.M.C.A. War Services Supervisor R. A. Harvey has accepted the appointment of warden of Lansdowne House where the canteen for the student body is located. Although this gives Supervisor Harvey aditional responsibility it also enables him to provide many personal services.

Y.M.C.A. STAFF SCHOOL
1946 Session
LAKE COUCHICHING
August 24 to September 10
Details in Next Bulletin

An Influence for Religious Unity

Of the twelve men who founded the Y.M.C.A. in 1884, three were members of the Church of England, three were Methodists, three were Congregationalists, and three were Baptists. Instead of talking about union, these men united and began to work. This was almost the first such union of men of different denominations for Christian service regardless of creed. The Y.M.C.A. is well equipped to serve the cause of church unity; in many communities across the country the Y.M.C.A. secretary is actually an important co-ordinating agent for inter-church activity.

The North American Y.M.C.A. unites in its activities boys and men of all faiths. Increasingly its constituency represents a cross-section of the whole community; it includes in its membership many boys and young men of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches; many Jewish youth take part in its program; it reaches also a large number of young men who are not active in any church.

In these days of divisiveness, the Y.M.C.A. has an important role to play in bringing about confidence and understanding among persons of varied religious backgrounds.

The President's New Year's Message

H. J. HUMPHREY

"The war is over, and we are called the victors, but we are the most confused, bewildered, and even frightened victors that ever tried to bring a lasting peace," declared H. J. Humphrey, President of the National Council of the Y.M.-C.A.'s of Canada, in his message to Presidents of local Y.M.C.A.'s.

"We can take solid satisfaction in our service to the armed forces during the war. Not only was our contribution through National War Services significant, but in our local buildings men and women received a welcome and a service that meant a great deal more to the individuals receiving it than we know. We can well be proud of our war effort, and I hope our work of rehabilitation will be even more significant."

"We need to rally the forces of good-will and co-operation," Mr. Humphrey continued. "There is desperate need for a Christian movement like ours to re-affirm our faith in spiritual forces, our faith in God, and to practice brotherhood across all lines of emnity. Let us in high idealism and genuine co-operation, go forward in this new year with confidence and energy."

Personnel Changes

NEW APPOINTMENTS

(To January 22, 1946)

Freeze, Dave, Fellowship (Boys), Calgary; McCurdy, John, General Secretary, Toronto; Park, Tom, Physical Director, Saskatoon; Pemberton, Fred, Community Secretary, Edmonton; Taylor, Charles, Physical Director, Hamilton; Walker, John, Program Secretary, Montreal N.D.G.

TRANSFERS

Barker, George N., from Supervisor, War Services, to Physical, Montreal Westmount; Genge, Kenneth, from Supervisor, War Services, to General Secretary, Owen Sound; Girvan, Jack, from Supervisor, War Services, to General Program, Toronto West End; Gorrie, Cam, from Supervisor, War Services, to Boys, Montreal Central; McClenaghan, J. C., from Supervisor, War Services, to General Secretary, St. Thomas; Nicolson, Dave, from Boys, Toronto Central, to Executive Secretary, Toronto High Park; Staples, John W., from Supervisor, War Services, to Young Men's, Regina, Sask.; Yard, W. E., from Community, Vancouver, B.C., to Boys (Building), Vancouver, B.C.

SEPARATIONS

Davis, R. E. G., from Personnel, National Council, to Canadian Welfare Council; MacLaren, Don, from General Program, Hamilton, to UNRRA, England; Otter, E. D., from Senior Supervisor, War Services, to U.S. Transportation Department; Stapells, R. F., from General Program, Calgary, to Business; Ward, H. Arnold, from Executive Secretary, Toronto High Park, to Toronto United Welfare Chest.

They Did Not Collaborate!

The following quotations received from World Service Secretaries and laymen show the loyalty and heroism of our Y.M.C.A. men in the war torn countries:

Philippines — "Fourteen out of fifteen buildings are destroyed but our lay and secretarial leaders never ceased work for a day . . . . persistently resisted the strongest pressure to ally themselves with the puppet government . . . . All was accomplished in the face of untold dangers . . . . It is agreed that they head the list for prompt service . . . . But now they are tired and hungry."

—E. STANTON TURNER.

Czechoslovakia — "Wherever our men went they left a clear Christian record . . . . not a single board, committee or staff man, not a leading member, has been touched even by a suspicion of collaboration . . . . In spite of the great dangers involved, they went on with whatever Y.M.C.A. work could be organized."

—D. A. LOWRIE.

Poland—"Wife, father, sister, father-in-law, uncle,—all are dead . . . . I was led to be executed twice; why spared is a mystery . . . . others have gone through even more . . . . This continent is a sort of purgatory . . . . More hate and cruelty than ever before anywhere."

—POLISH "Y" BOARD MEMBER.

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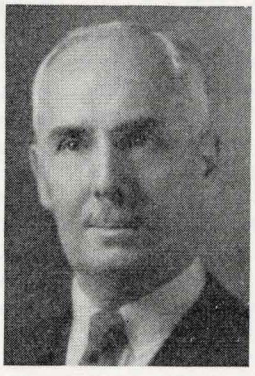

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